

HOUSE RESOLUTION 77

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A RESOLUTION to honor the achievements of the players of the Cameron High School basketball team, who won the 1970 and 1971 TSSAA Championships.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the now-legendary TSSAA Championship winning 1970 and 1971 Cameron High School basketball team is one such exceptional team; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team will be honored at a ceremony sponsored by the Cameron High School Alumni Association on April 14, 2007, at Harper's Restaurant; the special guest speaker will be retired professional basketball player and Nashvillian, Charles Davis; and

WHEREAS, at the time of these back-to-back state championships in 1970 and 1971, Cameron was one of only three Davidson County high schools allowing African-American students to complete their diplomas; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron High School basketball team inspired all who were witness to their achievements and helped set many educational goals for students; and

WHEREAS, the praiseworthy 1970 Cameron High basketball team roster includes Co-Captain Freddie Lewis #3, Ray Murrell #5, Larry Knight #10, Donald Tolliver #11, Michael Edmondson #12, Cecil Beaird #20, Charles McKissack #24, Co-Captain Harold Corlew #30, Ken Cooper #31, Michael Christmon #32, David Vaughn #45, and Carl Baker #50; and

WHEREAS, the praiseworthy 1971 Cameron high basketball team roster includes Thomas Miller #3, Larry Knight #10, Michael Edmondson #12, Co-Captain Cecil Beaird #20, Geary Jackman #22, Richard Brooks #23, Stanley Johnson #30, Kenneth Cooper #31, Co-Captain David Vaughn #45, and Carl Baker #50; and

WHEREAS, the untiring dedication of the late Coach Ronald Lawson, Sr., was without peer, and the support of the late O.R. Jackson, 1970 Principal of Cameron High; James Robinson, 1971 Principal of Cameron High; and the loyal parents and fans provided positive reinforcement to the players, teaching them valuable lessons of life, sportsmanship, and fair play, lessons which abide with these men to this very day; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron High team refused to give up as they persevered against staggering odds, and, with hard work and diligence, proved that they were indeed championship material; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the achievements of the players of the 1970 and 1971 TSSAA Champion Cameron High School basketball teams and salute their indelible legacy in the history of Tennessee high school sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.